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SUBJECT: CFE/JCG: JAN 26 - JCG IS CONCLUDED IN RECORD SPEED

1.(U) As there were no General Statements nor agenda items to discuss, the 715th meeting of the Joint Consultative Group (JCG) under UK chair (Gare) was concluded in only seven minutes. The Chair made the only significant intervention of note and proposed that the 23 February JCG plenary be canceled due to its conflict with the U.S.-sponsored seminar on conflict prevention which is also planned for 23 February.

2.(U) In similar fashion as last week's JCG, the Russian Federation was not represented by its Chief or Deputy Arms Control Delegate, and was once again represented by Vadim Solomenko. During a telcon with the U.S. Chief Arms Control Delegate following the January 19 JCG, Russian Federation Chief Arms Control Delegate Ulyanov stated that JCG meetings were a "waste of his time" and that his presence henceforth would be sporadic.

3.(U) The next JCG plenary will be held on February 2, under UK chairmanship.
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